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OF QUEEN'S SPEECH DELIVERED AT OPENING OF PARLIAMENT SEPTEMBER

18. BEGIN TEXT:

THE GOVERNMENT WILL WORK FOR A EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WHICH IS MORE CONCERNED WITH THE WELL-BEING OF ITS CITIZENS, WHICH IS EQUIPPED WITH WIDE POWERS, AND WHICH POSSESSES A TRULY DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURE AND PURSUES AN OPEN POLICY, DESIGNED PARTICULARLY TO FURTHER THE INTERESTS OF THE THIRD WORLD.

AT THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE AND IN THE COMING NEGOTIATIONS ON MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTION IN CENTRAL EUROPE, THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO ARRIVE AT FIRM AGREEMENTS ON GREATER CONTACT BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE AND A REAL TEMPERING OF THE MILITARY CONFRONTATION. IN A MEMORANDUM WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO YOU DURING THIS SESSION, ATTENTION IS DEVOTED TO CURBING THE ARMS RACE AND DELIBERATLY REDUCING THE ROLE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY FOR THERE TO BE AN INTENSIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE ON THEIR FUTURE COOPERATION. IT INTENDS TO STIMULATE DISCUSSION WITHIN NATO ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A DETENTE BEING REACHED BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, AND TO DO ALL IT CAN TO ENSURE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE RESPECTED THROUGHOUT THE AREA COVERED BY THE TREATY.

THE RETENTION OF ALL THE PRESENT TASKS OF THE NETHERLANDS ARMED FORCES IS COMING UP AGAINST FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES ON AN INCREASING SCALE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED WITHIN NATO THAT A BETTER DIVISION OF LABOUR BETWEEN THE MEMBER STATES BE WORKED OUT. PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE EXTENT AND THE FORM OF THE NETHERLANDS DEFENCE EFFORT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS WILL BE PRESENTED TO YOU IN A DEFENCE MEMORANDUM AT THE TURN OF THE YEAR. A START IS TO BE MADE IN 1974 WITH HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT AID FOR THE PEOPLES OF COLONIAL TERRITORIES IN AFRICA. THE AID IS TO BE GIVEN THROUGH THE FREEDOM MOVEMENTS, PREFERABLY THROUGH THE INTERMEDIARY OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

IN THE BUDGET MEMORANDUM WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO YOU TODAY, THE FIGURE FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION HAS BEEN INCREASED BY 20 PERCENT. THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM OF RESERVING 1 1/2 PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL INCOME FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN 1976 WILL BE EXPRESSED IN A ROLLING MULTI-YEAR PLAN THAT WILL REACH YOU IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME.

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ON THE BASIS OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE KINGDOM COMMISSION, THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO COMMENCE CONSULTATION IN THE COMING YEAR WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF SURINAM AND THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES ON THE MATTER OF HOW AND WHEN THESE COUNTRIES WILL ACQUIRE SOVEREIGNTY. DEVELOPMENT AID TO THESE COUNTRIES IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE THEIR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL INDEPENDENCE. END TEXT.

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